



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kazuo SOGA *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/053,959
Filed : January 24, 2002
For : PIPING STRUCTURE OF CRAWLER DRIVING HYDRAULIC
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Examiner : Jeffrey J. Restifo
Group Art Unit : 3618

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

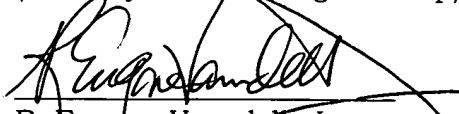
April 21, 2004

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed October 21, 2003. The Official action mailed October 21, 2003, set forth the three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a three-month extension of time extends the due date for filing a response to April 21, 2004.

A check in the amount of the NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$950.00) is attached hereto for payment of this extension of time.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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